

COMMENT FORM - June 2003 Public Information Meetings

The Illinois Route 29 Study



If you have questions, comments, or opinions related to this study, please complete this comment form.

I'd first like to state that this highway proposal is a century late in the making. There are a few questions I have. First, is there any indications on how such a road affects the property values of it's surrounding municipalities? Is there any possibility that this project can occur in conjunction with a ring-road around Peoria (and how the proposed routes compliment the construction of a future ring road?) Lastly, due to an increased trafficking of trucks following the completion of such a proposed route, what are the implications and threats to the rural water supplies and overall environment. I hope such a route will help Chillicothe, Peoria and surrounding communities to prosper in spite of our

inept local governments.
Thanks for the info.

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Affiliation: RESIDENT

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Illinois Route 29

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Four Lane Study along IL 29 from IL 6 to I-180

Job Nos. P-94-009-01 & P-94-019-02

Catalog No. 032469-00P

Mr. Ryan Westart
4904 E. Rome West Road
Chillicothe, IL 61523

Dear Mr. Westart:

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In your enclosed comment, you expressed your support for the Illinois 29 project. You also inquired about the proposal's affect on property values, rural water supply and overall environment. Depending upon the location of the property, the values may increase due to the road. The type of trucks and material transported on the proposed facility are anticipated to be similar in composition as those currently using Illinois 29. However, the type of highway that is being studied is less prone to accidents than the existing Illinois 29, and therefore, may reduce the likelihood of a spill resulting from a semi-trailer accident. The overall environmental affects of the project are currently under study and will be presented in the project's Environmental Impact Statement.

Mr. Ryan Westart
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In addition, you questioned if the Illinois 29 project could occur in conjunction with a Ring Road. Although a Ring Road is not a part of the Illinois 29 study, the routes under consideration for Illinois 29 would not preclude the construction of a future Ring Road. At present, there is no funding for the construction of a future Ring Road for the Peoria area.

Thank you for taking the time to let the Department know your viewpoint. Your opinion will be included in the project record.

The Department appreciates your interest in this highway project. If we can be of any assistance, please contact Mr. Mike Lewis of this office at (309) 671-3474.

Very truly yours,

Joseph E. Crowe, P.E.
District Engineer




By: Eric S. Therkildsen, P.E.
Program Development Engineer

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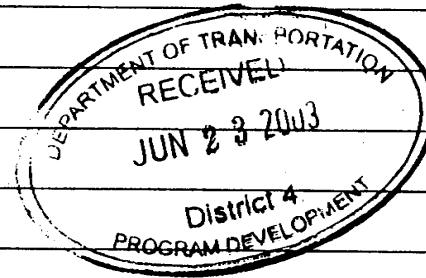
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In the central section C3A is the best choice. I do not want C2 at all. This would destroy a lot of farm ground, and not help the Spauld, Lecon Area. In the north section H4, because it is closer to Henry. Please extend Rt 18 to Rt 40. This would be a great improvement to. This can be done by making Western Rd. a State Rt 18.



Name:

Paul Bogner

Affiliation:

Marshall Co. Resident

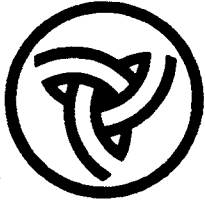
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1010 North Street
Henry, IL 61537

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In your enclosed comment, you expressed your support for C-3a and H-4. You also requested Illinois 18 be extended from Illinois 29 to Illinois 40. Extension of Illinois 18 is currently not under consideration by IDOT.

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Mr. Paul Bogner
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Very truly yours,

Joseph E. Crowe, P.E.
District Engineer



By: Eric S. Therkildsen, P.E.
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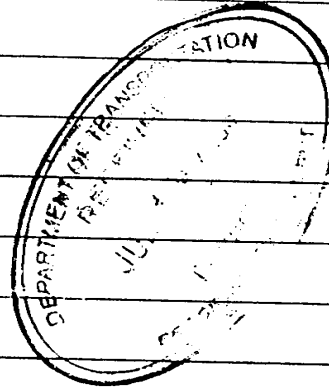
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We oppose taking
farmland for more
roads when there is
an alternative to as
making Rt 29 4-lane
to Rt 80.



Name:

Loretta & Lorene Muller

Affiliation:

Farm Landowners - Wayne Rd + Rome West

Address:

3015 N 12 OAKS DR

PEORIA IL 61604

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Mss. Loretta and Lorene Miller
3015 N. 12 Oaks Drive
Peoria, IL 61604

Dear Madams:

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Mss. Loretta and Lorene Miller
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District Engineer

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Allen Lumber Company strongly supports the

Illinois Route 29 Project.

Our preferred alignment would follow existing

Route 29 as closely as possible. Where engineering,

economic or environmental factors render this

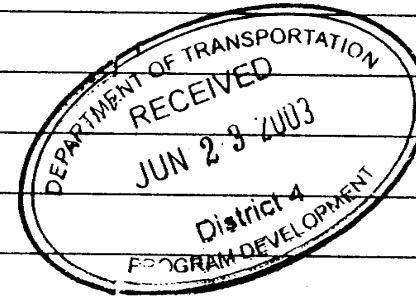
alignment impractical, minor deviations may be

necessary.

We look forward to following the development of

this project as you proceed with further studies

and analysis.



Name: Charles L. Allen

Affiliation: Allen Lumber Company

Address: 220 Fifth Street, P. O. Box 248

Lacon, Illinois 61540-0248

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Mr. Charles Allen
Allen Lumber Company
220 Fifth St., P. O. Box 248
Lacon, IL 61540

Dear Mr. Allen:

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Mr. Charles Allen
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Very truly yours,

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The Illinois Route 29 Study **29**

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FIRST I SPEAK AS A LANDOWNER WHO WILL BE IMPACTED BY OLD RTE 29 SOUTH OF SPARLAND. IN WHICH MY BROTHER AND I HAVE 40 ACRES THAT FRONT OLD 29 RTE SOUTH OF SPARLAND. I BELIEVE THAT OLD RTE 29 WOULD BE BEST IF IDNR WERE NOT IN ROAD. BUT TIME WILL TELL. IM IN FAVOR OF THIS ROUTE.

WITH THE GROWTH NORTH OUT OF PEORIA WE WILL SEE MORE PRESSURE ON HOUSING IN THIS AREA. I'VE SAID ALL ALONG THAT SOONER OR LATER MT HAWLEY AIRPORT WILL CLOSE, DUE TO PRESSURE FOR THE SALE OF THIS VALUABLE PROPERTY, AND AS WE GO DOWN ROAD FOR OUR AIRPORT WE NEED TRAVEL TIME FROM PEORIA FOR OUR AIRPORT TO REALLY BE USED TO ITS FULLEST AS WE HAVE ROOM TO EXPAND.

Name: ROY F. SEIBOLD

Affiliation: MARSHALL CO. AIRPORT BOARD

Address: 994 Willow Rd

SPARLAND, ILL 61565

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Mr. Roy Seibold
994 Willow Road
Sparland, IL 61565

Dear Mr. Seibold:

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In your enclosed comments, you expressed support for an alignment along existing Illinois 29 south of Sparland. Thank you for taking the time to let the Department know your viewpoint. Your opinion will be included in the project record.

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I ENJOYED ATTENDING YOUR MEETING AND FOUND YOUR DISPLAYS TO BE VERY INTERESTING AND VERY INFORMATIVE. THE IDOT REPRESENTATIVE I TALKED TO WAS VERY HELPFUL IN ANSWERING MY QUESTIONS.

CONCERNING THE SOUTH SECTION, I WAS VERY GLAD TO SEE THAT THE ALIGNMENT THAT WOULD HAVE GONE THROUGH CHILlicothe WAS DROPPED. I FEEL THAT IT WOULD HAVE SEVERELY DAMAGED THE CITY IN SEVERAL WAYS. IT WOULD HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO HANDLE THE LARGE VOLUME OF LOCAL TRAFFIC THAT THE CURRENT ROUTE 29 VERY EFFECTIVELY HANDLES. IT WOULD HAVE VIRTUALLY CUT THE CITY IN TWO MAKING IT MUCH MORE DIFFICULT FOR RESIDENTS TO GET FROM ONE SIDE OF TOWN TO THE OTHER. IT WOULD HAVE DESTROYED MANY BUSINESSES AND RESIDENCES THAT ARE CURRENTLY LOCATED ON ROUTE 29. WITH THREE TRAFFIC LIGHTS IN TOWN, IT WOULD ALSO HAVE BEEN A SEVERE IMPEDANCE TO THROUGH TRAFFIC.

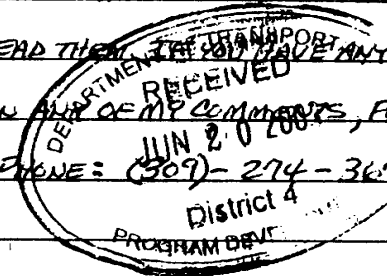
THE TWO CURRENTLY PROPOSED ALIGNMENTS, S-4 AND S-5 ARE VERY SIMILAR AND I THINK THE BEST ONE OF THESE WOULD PROBABLY BE THE ONE THAT HAS THE LEAST SEVERE IMPACT ON FARMLAND. IN OTHER WORDS, WHICHEVER ONE DIVIDES THE FEWEST NUMBER OF FARMS.

CONCERNING THE CENTRAL SECTION, I WOULD PREFER THE

ALIGNMENT C-2 FOR TWO REASONS. IT WOULD AVOID HAVING TO GO THROUGH SPARLAND AND IT WOULD AVOID POTENTIAL CONSTRUCTION PROBLEMS HAVING TO WORK IN ~~THE~~ THE NARROW CORRIDOR BETWEEN CHILlicothe AND SPARLAND WITH THE BLUFF ON THE WEST AND THE RAILROAD ON THE EAST.

CONCERNING THE NORTH SECTION, I AM NOT FAMILIAR ENOUGH WITH THAT REGION TO FORM A MEANINGFUL OPINION AS TO WHICH OF THOSE ALIGNMENTS WOULD BE THE BEST.

I GREATLY APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO VOICE MY OPINIONS REGARDING THIS STUDY AND I THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR TAKING THE TIME TO READ THEM. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR NEED CLARIFICATION ON ANY OF MY COMMENTS, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CALL ME. - PHONE: (309)-274-3673



Name: MAX E. TRUMBOLD

Affiliation: NONE

Address: 822 N. 4TH STREET

CHILlicothe, IL 61523

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Mr. Max E. Trumbold
822 N. Fourth Street
Chillicothe, IL 61523

Dear Mr. Trumbold:

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In your enclosed comment, you expressed your support for S-4 or S-5 (depending on which alignment would have the least farming impacts) and C-2. Thank you for taking the time to let the Department know your viewpoint. Your opinion will be included in the project record.

Mr. Max E. Trumbold
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Very truly yours,

Joseph E. Crowe, P.E.
District Engineer

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ILLINOIS ROUTE 29 DESIGN STUDY

If you have questions, comments, or opinions related to this study, please complete this comment form.

June 5, 2003

Dear Mr. Therkildsen,

Subj: The Illinois Route 29 Design Study

We feel the proposed S-4, C-2, and H-3 routing of the new Route 29 is the best and most reasonable plan for the following reasons:

1. **SAFETY:** The existing entrance to The Village of Hopewell and the numerous driveways from existing homes on Route 29 would present very hazardous conditions for a new four-lane highway.

There are approximately 142 homes in Hopewell with additional homes being built every year. I would estimate between 200 and 300 vehicles enter and exit Hopewell each day.

2. **EASE OF CONSTRUCTION:** Not having any expertise in road construction cost, we would not know the most economical route for the proposed 29. We do assume, however, that it would be easier, faster and safer to build on the S-4, C-2 and H-3 corridor, therefore making it much more economical. The fragile hillsides along Hopewell's east bluff surely will require special attention as well, adding to the cost. The state has already experienced a similar problem at the existing Hopewell entrance.

2.

3. **VALUATION OF EXISTING PROPERTIES:** With the construction of the new Route 29, the increase in traffic will probably be substantial. The value of all residential property adjacent to existing Route 29 would suffer if corridor C-3 and C-3A were selected. The open area for corridor S-4, C-2 and H-3 would be ideal for construction and affect far fewer people.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on this project and will follow its progress.

Respectfully yours,

Thomas D. Wilkinson
Georgia J. D. Wilkinson

Name: _____

Affiliation: Mr. & Mrs. Thomas D. Wilkinson

390 Illini Drive

Address: Village of Hopewell

Sparland, IL 61565-9419

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Mr. & Mrs. Thomas D. Wilkinson
Village of Hopewell
390 Illini Drive
Sparland, IL 61565-9419

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Mr. & Mrs. Thomas D. Wilkinson
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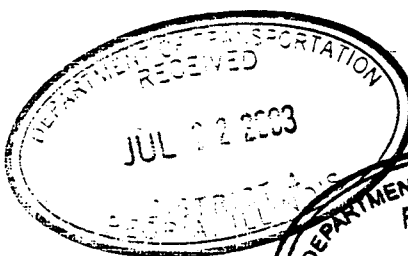
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Marshall-Putnam Soil and Water Conservation District

July 21, 2003

Eric Therkildsen
Illinois Department of Transportation
401 Main Street
Peoria, Illinois 61602



RE: Opposition to Illinois Route 29 Expansion

Mr. Therkildsen,

The Marshall-Putnam Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Directors, at the July 9, 2003 meeting, voted unanimously to **OPPOSE** the creation of the Route 29 Expansion connecting Peoria to Interstate 80 as proposed by the Illinois Department of Transportation and the engineering firm CH2MHill. Opposition is based on minimal community development with high impact on natural resources and existing farm operations including but not limited to the sensitive bluff areas, wetland areas and Miller-Anderson Nature Preserve.

At the forefront of discussion was the permanent loss of prime farmland. Prime Farmland is defined as land (soils) best suited for farming. Prime Farmland is flat or gently rolling, consistently produces the most food, feed, fiber, forage and oilseed crops with the least amount of fuel, fertilizer, and labor. The soil quality, growing season, and moisture supply assures continuous high productivity without degrading the environment. The presence of all these factors together in central Illinois is unsurpassed by any other area in the world!

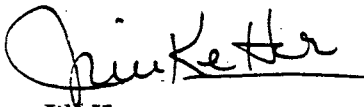
The proposed location for the Route 29 Expansion intersects Ag Areas in Marshall and Putnam Counties. The Agricultural Areas Conservation and Protection Act (P.A. 81-1173) provides a means by which agricultural land may be protected and enhanced as a viable segment of the states economy and as an economic and environmental resource of major importance. Ag Areas must consist of 350 contiguous acres or more of land. These areas are organized among local landowners and county government then registered as an Agricultural Protection Area with the Illinois Department of Agriculture for the purpose of designating blocks of land parcels that are committed to production of agricultural commodities.

Additionally, the proposed expansion adversely affects irrigated farming operations, federal and state enrolled protected lands such as those in the Conservation Reserve Program and the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program and the Miller-Anderson Nature Preserve located on the current Route 29 on the Bureau-Putnam Border.

Agriculture plays a vital role in Central Illinois. It provides employment, protects and enhances our natural resources, contributes heavily to the local economy, and provides a wholesome quality of life to residents.

The Marshall -Putnam Soil and Water Conservation District is a locally organized unit of government promoting the protection, maintenance, improvement, and wise use of the soil, water and related resources in Marshall and Putnam counties, the state of Illinois, and the nation.

For more information, please contact the Marshall-Putnam Soil and Water Conservation District at 309-364-3913 x3.

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Jill Ketter
Resource Conservationist



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Ms. Jill Ketter
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Very truly yours,

Joseph E. Crowe, P.E.
District Engineer




By: Eric S. Therkildsen, P.E.
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Enclosure(s)

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CH2M Hill (Attn: Mr. Jim Jodie)

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The Illinois Route 29 Study 

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As a homeowner on Hidden Valley Lane, we write in opposition to the IDOT Route 29 Upgrade Project. This project will destroy our neighborhood, as it will bring a 4-lane highway right next door to our home. We greatly oppose this option for some basic reasons:

- 1) this road is not needed nor wanted by
- 2) unnecessarily will destroy homes + farmland while degrading our rural lifestyle
- 3) negative impact on our neighborhood by closing off our access to Wayne Rd
- 4) greatly lower our home values.

We support the Ring Road option because it will service a greater community of people - giving them quicker access to Peoria + Chicago.

Please advise when you will be in our area discussing the Chicago-

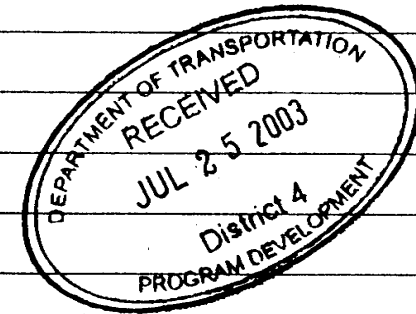
Peoria Highway.

Thank you,

Will

Toni

Will + Toni Smith



Name: Will + Toni Smith

Affiliation: Wayne-Hidden Valley Neighborhood Association

Address: 3548 Hidden Valley Lane, Chillicothe, IL

61523

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Catalog No. 032469-00P

Mr. & Mrs. Will Smith
3548 Hidden Valley Lane
Chillicothe, IL 61523

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Smith:

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Mr. & Mrs. Will Smith
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I am not in favor of any expansion or widening of Route 29. I have lived in the Putnam area since 1963 and lived just off of 29 since 1975. My grandfather has already lost acreage with the existing route. The Louis Family Farm has been in the family since 1865. I have traveled Route 29 North and South since 1990. Travel is not congested (in my opinion) to the point any expansion is necessary.

Please inform me of any meetings with data showing why IDOT deems it necessary to continue this effort.

Respectfully,
Joe Louis

Name: Joe Louis
Affiliation: Landowner
Address: R.R. 1 Box 95 B
Putnam, IL 61560

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R.R. 1 Box 95B
Putnam, IL 61560

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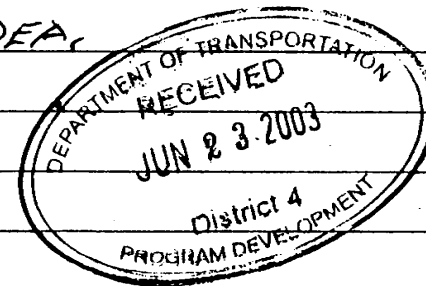


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ROUTE 29 SPARLAND TO CHILLICOTHE NEEDS TO BE UPGRADED. IT IS A SAFETY HAZARD AT PRESENT. I FEEL THE BEST INTEREST OF THE LOCAL AREA WOULD BE C-3 FROM CHILLICOTHE TO SPARLAND, THEN C-3A THROUGH SPARLAND WITH AN INTERCHANGE AT ROUTE 17 AT BOTTOM OF HILL. THIS WOULD ELIMINATE THE STOP SIGNS AND THE LARGE TRUCK HAZARDS. THE REALIGNMENT OF ROUTE 17 SHOULD START AT THE EXISTING BEND AND NOT HAVE A DOUBLE CURVE. THERE IS NO SENSE IN TWO CURVES. C-3A THROUGH SPARLAND WOULD HAVE THE LEAST DAMAGE TO THE TOWN, AS THERE IS NO COMMERCIAL DISTRICT OF ANY VALUE. H-4 AT HENRY WOULD BE THE BEST OPTION.

I AM TOTALLY AGAINST THE C-2 OPTION - DON'T TAKE ANY MORE FARM LAND - IT IS IRREPLACEABLE AND IS NEEDED FOR FUTURE FOOD AND FIBER. THE EXISTING ROUTE 29 IS ON MARGINAL LAND.

CLOSE THE ENTRANCE AT HOPE WELL AND MOVE IT TO THE FIRST DRAW TO THE SOUTH. THE HILL AND SWITCHBACK IS NOT A GOOD IDEA.



Name:

Marilyn W. [Signature]

Affiliation:

Address:

1062 CAMP GROVE RD

SPARLAND, TX 75665

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Mr. Marvin Waldschmidt
1062 Camp Grove Road
Sparland, IL 61565

Dear Mr. Waldschmidt:

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Mr. Marvin Waldschmidt
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why I believe an Interstate highway that cuts over the top of the River Bluff instead of using existing Route 29 is the wrong option:

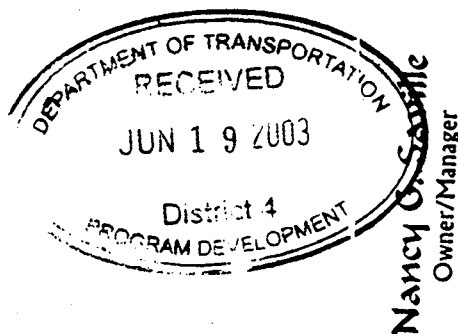
Will seriously impair economy for Sparland & Lacon.

2. Will kill any hope of increased commerce or residential growth in Sparland or Lacon.
3. Will cause erosion of farmland beyond road as commercial ventures expand into area around egress points.
4. Will maim existing commercial ventures recently developed dependent on non resident support.
5. It will not divert much work traffic from Lacon and Sparland due to long detour to reach access, highway will provide no time/cost savings (will add at least 4 miles one way to trip) Commuters will still in most cases be using Rte 29.
6. Requires additional road maintenance ... will have to maintain Rte 29 plus a new 4 lane highway.
7. Increased highway cost maintenance **will** provide additional jobs/wages ... but this will also happen if economy of Lacon, Chillicothe and Henry improves and business climate is more favorable for expansion in commercial and residential venues. Means that the cost will be born by private enterprise vs taxpayer dollars.

As for aesthetics of scenic roadways ... for those who want a leisurely drive thru the countryside to reach Peoria/Lacon ... Route 26 on the East side of Illinois River is available for that purpose... and this road continues thru to Hennepin also – gorgeous vistas and many opportunities for scenic pictures, preservation, etc. But in order for this valley to survive & thrive ... access to work and commerce must be made simpler and quicker... if we need a 4 lane ... and we DO ... why put it where it will damage and endanger existing businesses and destroy valuable farmland?

The most sensible and feasible way to provide 4 lane access from Route 6 to Interstate 180 is to utilize existing Route 29 from Chillicothe to the beginning of Interstate 180 North of Putnam.

Nancy Saville
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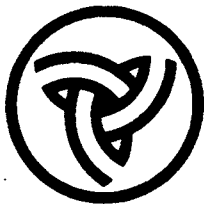
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208 N. Main Street
Lacon, IL 61540

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Ms. Nancy Saville
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There is no way I'm for Rt 29 changing course, it will definitely hurt Henry and that would be not benefit our town at all.

I'm aware everyone one wants to go 65 MPH but some-times it would be nice to save our small towns.

Name:

Bill Williams

Affiliation:

Self

Address:

1361 Western Rd.

Henry IL 61537

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1361 Western Road
Henry, IL 61537

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Mr. Bill Williams
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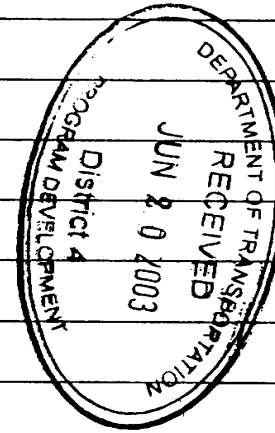
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The Peoria County Farm Bureau would like to offer our opinion on the Route 29 study. We feel that the existing Route 29 should be expanded and improved instead of a new four lane road system being built. This is in conjunction with Illinois Farm Bureau policy.

Illinois Farm Bureau policy states that we support a greater emphasis on maintenance and improvement of existing state highways with reduced emphasis on new expressways and interstates.

Illinois Farm Bureau policy also supports the utilization of existing rights-of-way for new highways to the maximum extent feasible in order to minimize acquisition of new lands for highway purposes.

Thank you for the opportunity to express our opinion.



Name: Patricia Kuehler
Affiliation: Peoria County Farm Bureau
Address: 1716 N. University
Peoria, IL 61604

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Mr. Patrick Kirchhofer
Peoria County Farm Bureau
1716 N. University
Peoria, IL 61604

Dear Mr. Kirchhofer:

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Thank you for taking the time to let the Department know your viewpoint. Your input will be included in the project record.

Mr. Patrick Kirchhofer
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Very truly yours,

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ILLINOIS ROUTE 29 DESIGN STUDY

you have questions, comments, or opinions related to this study,
please complete this comment form.

As to the up grading of Rt 29! In short, we would prefer using the existing Rt 29 area.

I am a retired farmer with some farm land west of Sparland. This is now being farmed by my son.

Using the C2 segment west of Sparland destroys many acres of nearly prime farm land that can never be replaced. It also splits farms apart making their operation more costly.

This route would probably close several east-west secondary roads used in many farming operations. This would also affect county and township maintenance as well as adding cost and inconvenience. Closing these roads would increase the use of busy Rt 17 with more slow moving equipment increasing the risk of accidents.

Use of existing Rt 29 is half of the area needed plus much of old Rt 29 right of way still exists for the upgrade.

This would save many acres of irreplaceable farm land and be less disruptive to the area. An added plus would be a more scenic route.

Please give these suggestions serious consideration.

Name: Gilbert C. Monier

Affiliation:

Address: 724 Harmony Lane
Hacon, Ill. 61540

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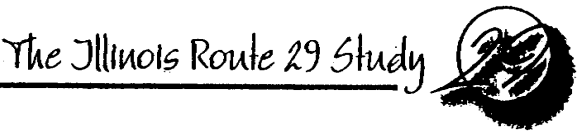
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I would really like to see Route 29 widened instead of taking good farm land. The farmers need to keep their land to make a living. Just keep the roads we have updated.

Name: Carolyn Boyner
Affiliation:
Address: 494 County Rd 850N

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Ms. Carolyn Bogner
494 County Road 850N
Sparland, IL 61565

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Ms. Carolyn Bogner
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The Illinois Route 29 Study



If you have questions, comments, or opinions related to this study, please complete this comment form.

The primary justification for building a four lane highway from Route 6 to Route 80 is to enhance economic development for the communities on the West side of the Illinois River from Chillicothe to Putnam. With that primary justification in mind, the highway alignment should follow the existing Route 29 as closely as possible. A side benefit to that approach is to minimize the taking of prime farm ground out of production and to minimize negative ecological effects. Widening the existing Route 29 will also promote the goal of increased safety for motorists.

Great care should be taken to ~~create~~ insure multiple points of access for communities such as Chillicothe. Access points along Truitt and Claydale would seem to make good sense.

Building a bridge over the Illinois River at Massville near the Route 6 exit should also be a high priority for future planning purposes.

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Dear Mr. Mahoney:

Thank you for your comments concerning the Illinois 29 project from Illinois 6 near Mossville to Interstate 180 near Hennepin. A copy of your comment letter is enclosed for your reference.

Public meetings held in June presented preliminary alignments for the Illinois 29 project and offered an opportunity for the public to discuss the project with Department representatives and provide input about the study. The meetings were well attended and provided the Department with a great deal of information about the transportation needs of the study area.

The Department is continuing with preliminary alignment studies. Through comparisons of engineering and environmental factors, as well as public input, a preferred alignment will be identified which will address the needs of the region. Preliminary measures to minimize harm will be investigated, probable construction costs estimated, and preliminary right of way requirements established during this study. Future public meetings will be held to update the public of the project's progress and to gather additional input.

In your enclosed comment, you expressed your support for an alignment which would follow existing Illinois 29 to the greatest extent possible. You also expressed concern about access issues. Decisions concerning access and locations of overpasses will be made as the study progresses.

Thank you for taking the time to let the Department know your viewpoint. Your opinion will be included in the project record.